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Gentlemen:

As a resident and a farmer that relies solely on groundwater for my farming operation and drinking water, I have serious concerns about your recommendations to implement the practice of conjunctive use to support groundwater transfers out of our groundwater basin. Using our aquifer to support the increasing need for water in California is a very risky proposition.

On a recent family trip to Death Valley, we returned home through Owens Valley. This area is a dramatic reminder of what can happen to us in Northern California. In my mind, conjunctive use is just the first step in creating another Owens Valley in Northern California.

You must focus on off stream storage and new dams to solve the water shortage problems of California. The costs may seem high but we really cannot afford not to undertake these projects.

Sincerely,



Michael G. McDonald

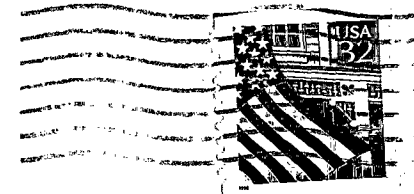
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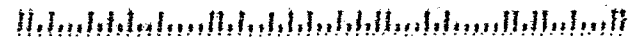
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